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The Fair Maid of Italy, Friar Bacon and *King Leir*

gth April PLAYS AT THE ROSE THEATRE

Yesterday *The Jew of Malta* and to-day *King Leu* are played at the Rose Theatre

nth April A GREAT RAINSTORM

The ram hath continued very sore foi more than twenty-four hours long and withal such a wind from the north as pierces the walls of houses be they never so thick

i6th April DEATH OF THE EARL OF DERBY

Ferdmando Stanley, the young Earl of Derby, that hath been sick of some strange sickness these eleven days, is dead at Latham Outwardly his diseases were vomiting of sour or rusty matter with blood, the yellow jaundice, melting of his fat, swelling and hardness of his spleen, a vehement hiccough, and, for four davs before he died, stopping of his water All these were caused in the opinion of his physicians partly by surfeit, partly by the excessive exercise that he took for four days together in Easter week In all the time of his sickness, which began on the 5th April and continued until he died, he often took Beza's stone and Unicorn's horn , his pulse was always good but his strength indifferent, the number of his vomits being fifty-two and of his stools twenty-nine His death is so unaccountable that many begin to suspect that he was bewitched In the beginning of his sickness he had strange dreams On the loth April, Mr Halsall, one of his gentlemen, found in my lord's chamber about midnight an image of wax with hair in colour like his hair twisted round the belly This image was spotted and soon after spots appeared also upon the Earl's sides and belly. Mr. Halsall hastily cast the image in the fire before it was viewed by others,

thinking that by burning it he should relieve his lord of the witchcraft and burn the witch who so much tormented him , but unhappily it fell out the contrary for after the melting of the image the Earl declined

A homely woman about the age of fifty years was found mumbling in a corner of his chamber She seemed often to ease his lordship both of vomiting and hiccough, but it was noted that whenever he was so eased she herself was much